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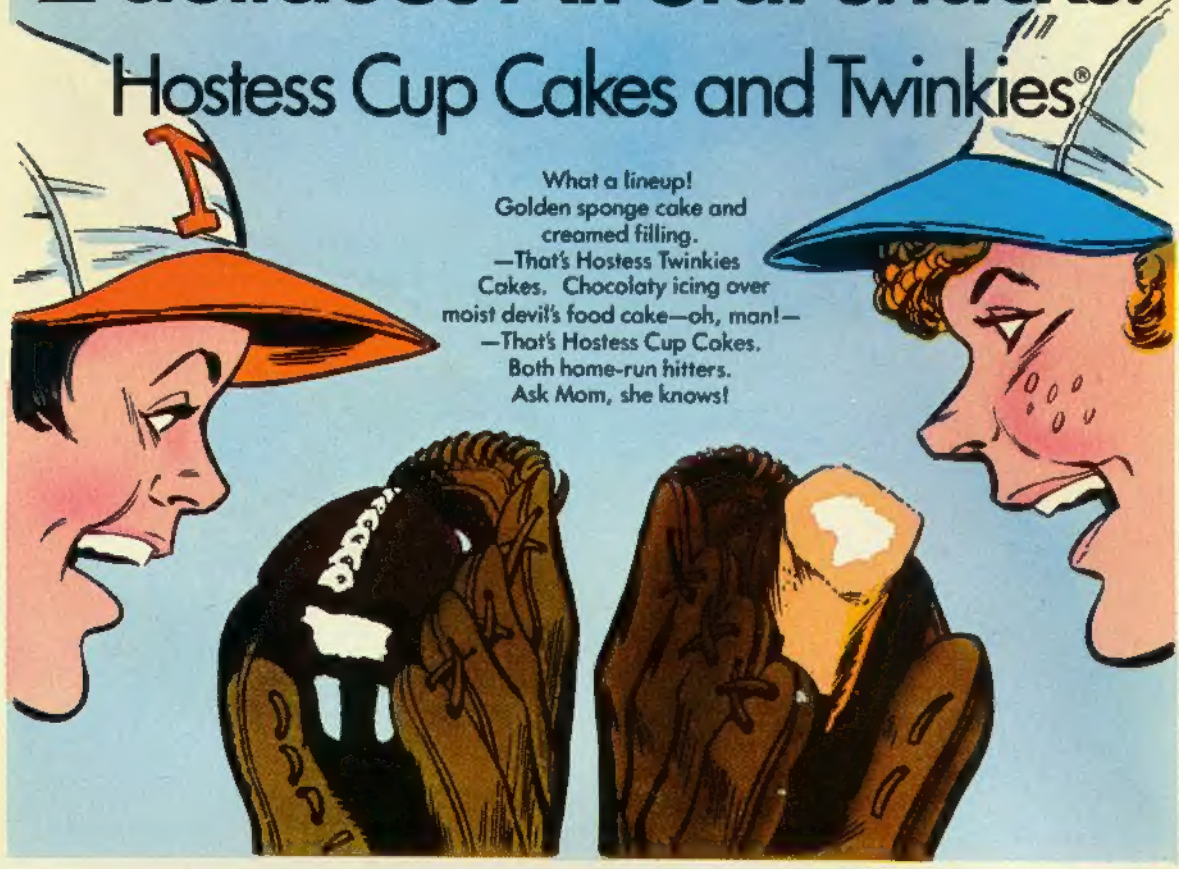

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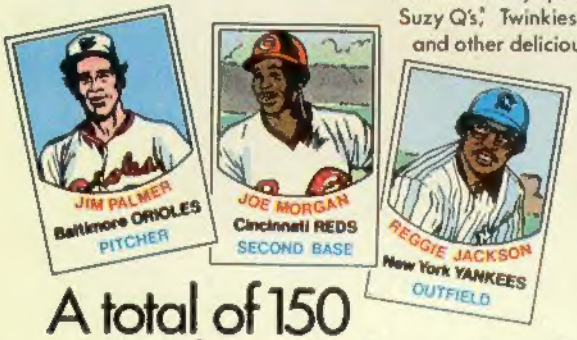

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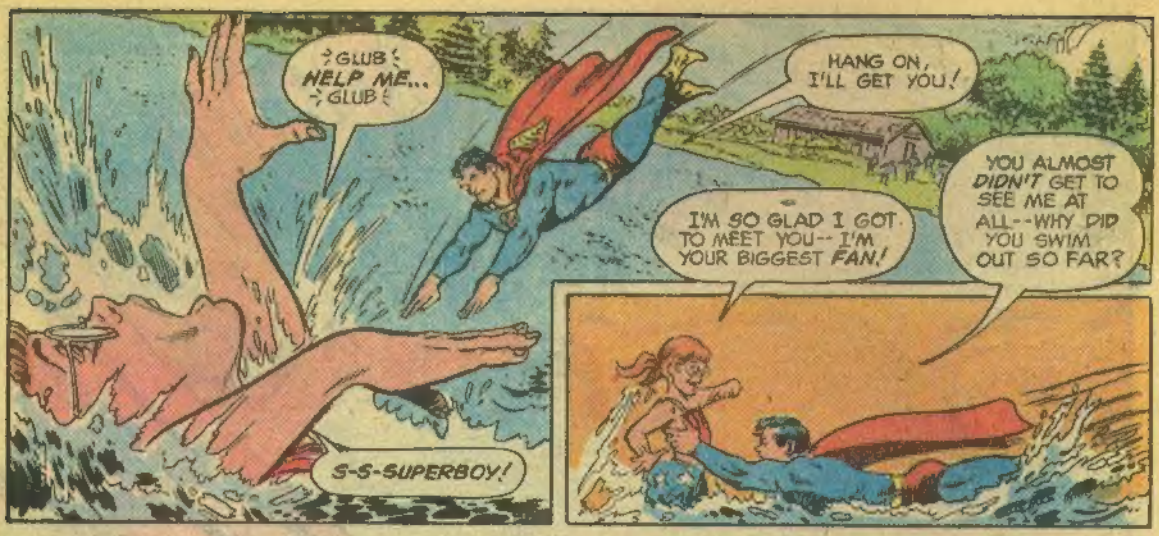
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HELP ME... GLUB
S-S-SUPERBOY!
HANG ON, I'LL GET YOU!
I'M SO GLAD I GOT TO MEET YOU-- I'M YOUR BIGGEST FAN!
YOU ALMOST DIDN'T GET TO SEE ME AT ALL--WHY DID YOU SWIM OUT SO FAR?

I DUNNO! I THOUGHT I COULD SWIM BACK--BUT I COULDN'T!
SPLASH
SSPLASHASPLASHASPLASHOOOM
WELL, I CAN--AND THIS IS MY CHANCE TO PUT ON A LITTLE WATER SHOW FOR YOUR FELLOW CAMPERS!

YOU CRAZY KID-- YOU COULD HAVE DROWNED!
BUT I DIDN'T! SUPERBOY SAVED ME! SMAK
I'M A BIG GIRL NOW--I DON'T NEED YOU PLAYING BIG BROTHER ANYMORE!

NOT TOO BIG TO GET A SPANKING--WHICH DAD WOULD GIVE YOU IF HE WAS HERE!
NOW, C'MON! GO CHANGE CLOTHES--YOU'VE HAD ENOUGH "SWIMMING" TODAY!
THAT'S WHAT I CALL A NICK-OF-TIME APPEARANCE, SUPERBOY!

AND NOW, I'LL MAKE AN EQUALLY FAST DISAPPEARANCE!
OH, YOU'RE LEAVING ALREADY? CAN'T YOU STAY AROUND AWHILE--ALL THE KIDS WOULD LOVE TO SEE YOU!
SORRY, PETE-- BUT I'LL BE AROUND...
HAHA! WHAT A KIDDER SUPERBOY IS! HE'LL BE HERE... BUT AS CLARK KENT!
UNKNOWN TO THE BOY OF STEEL, PETE ROSS KNOWS HIS SECRET IDENTITY--AS DO TWO OTHER PEOPLE...

...THOUGH SUPERBOY IS AWARE THAT THEY KNOW--
KENT'S GENERAL STORE
--BECAUSE THEY ARE HIS FOSTER PARENTS...
...JONATHAN AND MARTHA KENT!
HI, MOM-- I'M HOME!
OH, CLARK! JONATHAN, LOOK WHO'S BACK!
-PUFF- AND JUST IN TIME, TOO!
THAT SEEMS TO BE MY TRADEMARK TODAY!
HERE, LET ME, HELP YOU, PA!
-PUFF- THANKS, SON--BUT MUST YOU BE SUCH A -PANT- SHOWOFF?!
SHOWOFF? ME?! I'M JUST TRYING TO HELP YOU STOCK THE SHELVES!
B-BUT...
OH, HUSH UP, JONATHAN! LET THE BOY HAVE HIS FUN!
THERE'S NO ONE AROUND TO SEE HIS SUPER-STUNT!
ANYTHING ELSE I CAN HELP WITH? I'LL HAVE TO DO IT FAST, THOUGH--
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DO IT FAST? JEHOSHAPHAT, CLARK--DO YOU CALL WHAT YOU JUST DID SLOW?
OH, NO, PA! TAKING A FULL FIVE MINUTES TO GO THE TEN MILES TO CAMP SMALLVILLE--
--THAT'S SLOW!
SEE YA LATER!
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AND BACK AT THE AFOREMENTIONED CAMP...
--AND YOU CAN STAY IN YOUR BUNK TILL YOU LEARN NOT TO DO FOOLISH THINGS LIKE SWIMMING TOO FAR OUT IN THE LAKE!
-SOB!- YOU'RE A BIG MEANIE, ANTHONY!
I HATE YOU!
IF I WAS A SUPER-HERO LIKE SUPERBOY, I WOULDN'T SAVE YOU!
YEAH...IF I HAD THOSE NEAT SUPER-POWERS, YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO BOSS ME AROUND!
OH, HOW I WISH I COULD BE LIKE SUPERBOY!
I WISH I COULD BE A SUPER-HERO! THEN I'D SHOW HIM--
OKAY, NOW WATCH CLOSELY! IF YOU SAW SUPERBOY'S LAST ADVENTURE WITH THE LEGION,* YOU KNOW THAT THE BOY OF STEEL HAS IN HIS CAPE A MYSTIC CRYSTAL HE TOOK FROM THE SINISTER SORCERER FOR SAFE-KEEPING--
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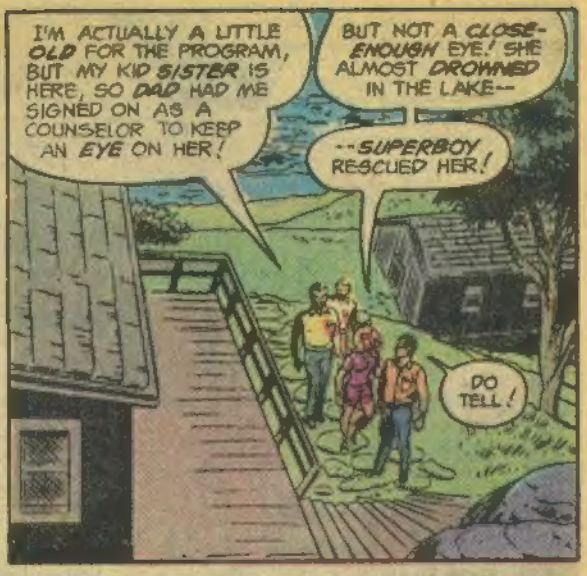
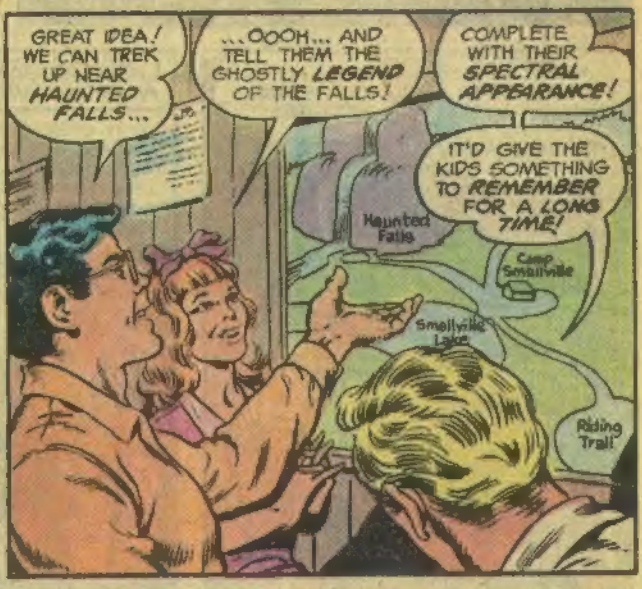
RIGHT--PART OF THE "WEEKS IN THE COUNTRY" PLAN FOR KIDS OF CIVIL SERVANTS!


I'M ACTUALLY A LITTLE OLD FOR THE PROGRAM, BUT MY KID SISTER IS HERE, SO DAD HAD ME SIGNED ON AS A COUNSELOR TO KEEP AN EYE ON HER!
BUT NOT A CLOSE-ENOUGH EYE! SHE ALMOST DROWNED IN THE LAKE--
--SUPERBOY RESCUED HER!
DO TELL!

YEAH! YOU SHOULD HAVE BEEN HERE TO SEE IT, CLARK!
ANYWAY! LOOK--I SPOKE TO THE HEAD COUNSELOR, AND HE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE A GREAT IDEA IF WE TOOK SOME OF THE OLDER KIDS CAMPING OVERNIGHT!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...OOOH... AND TELL THEM THE GHOSTLY LEGEND OF THE FALLS!
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NO... THAT MIGHT BE GOING A BIT TOO FAR...
NO WAY--IT'LL BE FUN!
AW C'MON, LANA--NOBODY'S GONNA GET HURT! AND BESIDES, IT'S A TRADITION!
THE OLDER COUNSELORS HAVE BEEN DOING IT FOR YEARS!

WELL, I GUESS I'M OUTVOTED--
--BUT SOMETHING TELLS ME IT'S NOT GOING TO TURN OUT THE WAY YOU EXPECT!
Haunt Falls
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AND SO, SHORTLY AFTERWARDS...
HEY, BOOKWORM-- C'MON! WE'RE GOING ON AN OVERNIGHT UP TO THE WATERFALLS!
NOT ME! I'M NOT GOING ANYWHERE WITH YOU!
WOMEN IN POLITICS
AW, KNOCK IT OFF! WE CAME HERE TO ENJOY THE OUTDOORS--
--NOT SO YOU COULD SPEND TWO WEEKS WITH YOUR NOSE IN A BOOK!
GIMME MY BOOK--!
WHEN WE GET WHERE WE'RE HIKING TO, YOU CAN READ IT BY THE CAMPFIRE!
NOW LET'S GET GOING... PLEASE!
LATER, AFTER A HIKE THROUGH THE WOODS AND DINNER OVER AN OPEN FLAME...
NOW EVERYONE GATHER ROUND THE FIRE AND LANA WILL TELL YOU HOW HAUNTED FALLS GOT ITS NAME!
OH, WOW!
A REAL GHOST STORY!
NGATO!
WELL, A LONG TIME AGO, WHEN THE EXPLORERS LIKE DANIEL BOONE WERE STILL BLAZING TRAILS ACROSS THE WILDERNESS...
LET'S GO, CLARK! THEY WON'T EVEN NOTICE WE'RE GONE!
HAHA! THIS IS GOING TO BE RICH!
I'VE NEVER BEEN ONE FOR PRACTICAL JOKES, PETE... AND NEITHER HAVE YOU...
I KNOW--BUT THE COUNSELORS DID IT TO US THE FIRST YEAR WE CAME TO THE CAMP--
--IT'S A TRADITION!
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WAS DAVY CROCKETT ONE OF THE EXPLORERS? I SAW ON TV THAT HE WAS KING OF THE WILD FRONTIER!
NO, HE WASN'T HERE! THESE TWO EXPLORERS WERE NAMED...ER, ROSS PETERSON AND...UM, KENSINGTON CLARK!
ANYWAY, THEY WERE CANOEING DOWN THE RIVER UPSTREAM FROM THE FALLS WHEN THEY SUDDENLY SPOTTED A BEAUTIFUL INDIAN MAIDEN!
SHE WAS RUNNING RIGHT ALONG THE RIVER... AND WAVING AT THEM TO FOLLOW HER!
AND SHE LED THEM TO A SECRET GOLD MINE, RIGHT?
NO, DEAR-- SHE LED THEM RIGHT OVER THE FALLS!
IT'S SAID THAT THE GHOSTS OF THOSE TWO EXPLORERS CAN STILL BE SEEN UP HERE--
--SEARCHING FOR THE INDIAN MAIDEN WHO LED THEM TO THEIR DEATHS!
WOOOOOOOOOOOO
IT'S THE GHOSTS!
DON'T WORRY-- THIS IS A JOB FOR ..
THEY'RE COMING TO GET US!
HELP!
WOOOOOOOO

... MIGHTY GIRL!
K-ABLAAM
OH MY GOSH-- MY SISTER!!
I'LL STOP THOSE GHOSTS!
NO-- DON'T--
GO BACK WHERE YOU CAME FROM, SPOOK!
K-POWW
WHAT TH--?! DON'T KNOW HOW THAT LITTLE GIRL GOT SUPER-POWERS, BUT I DO KNOW...
...THAT THIS IS A JOB FOR SUPERBOY!
YOU, TOO, GHOST-- BACK UP YOUR WATERFALL...
NO! WAIT--!
SUPERBOY! SHE ALREADY HIT CLARK--
HOLD IT, MIGHTY GIRL!
HER PUNCH WOULD'VE BROKEN PETE IN TWO!
HE'S SAFE, LANA! I CAUGHT HIM!
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--I'LL STOP THOSE GHOSTS... NOT YOU!
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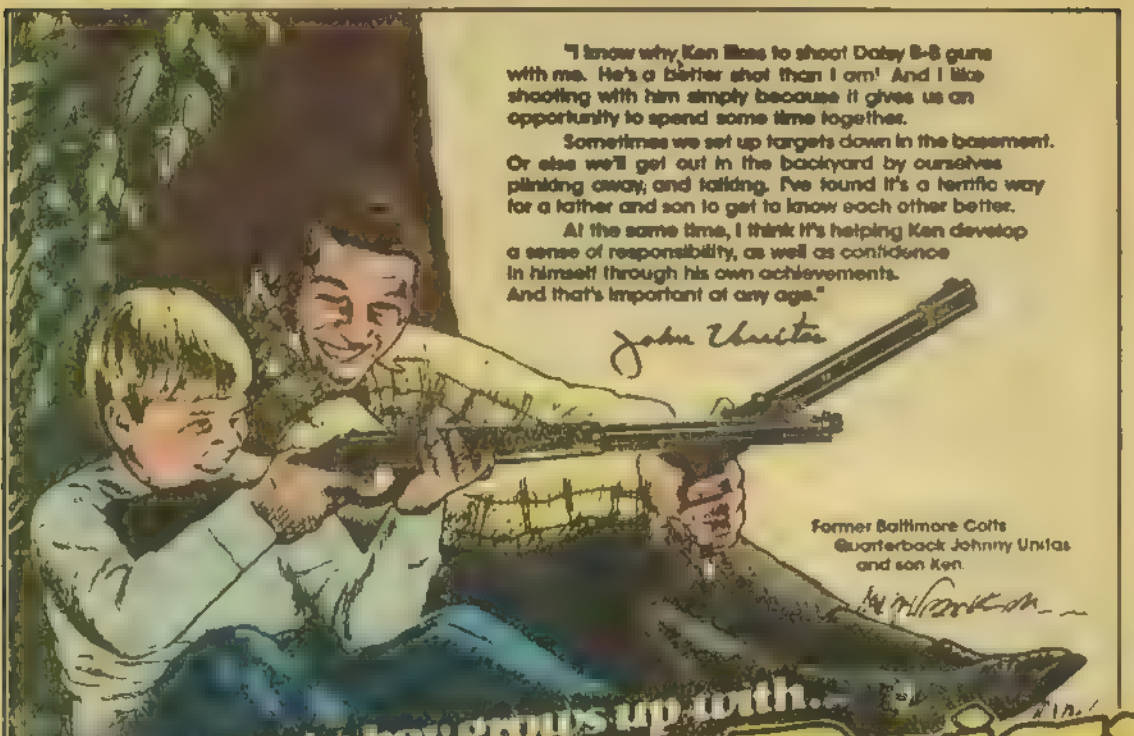

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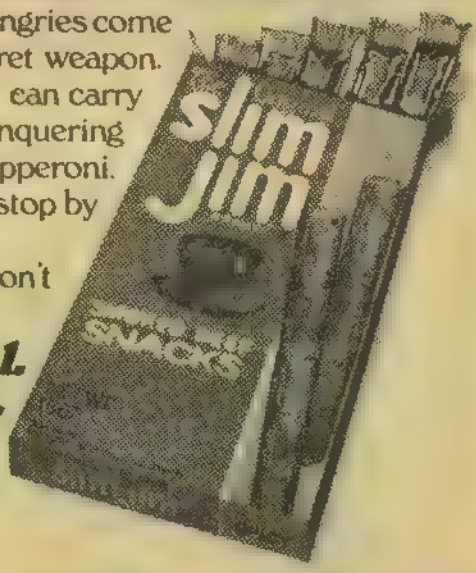

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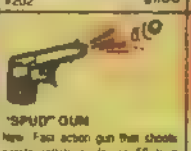

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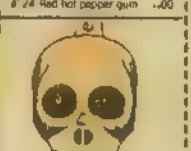

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YEOOOUCH! I FELT THAT!
NOW I'LL BLOW OUT THE FIRE!
WHOOOSH!
THE FIRE--CAN'T BLOW IT OUT! IT'S SPREADING!
HELP!
HELP!
SHE'S MAKING IT WORSE! GOT TO PUT THAT FIRE OUT...
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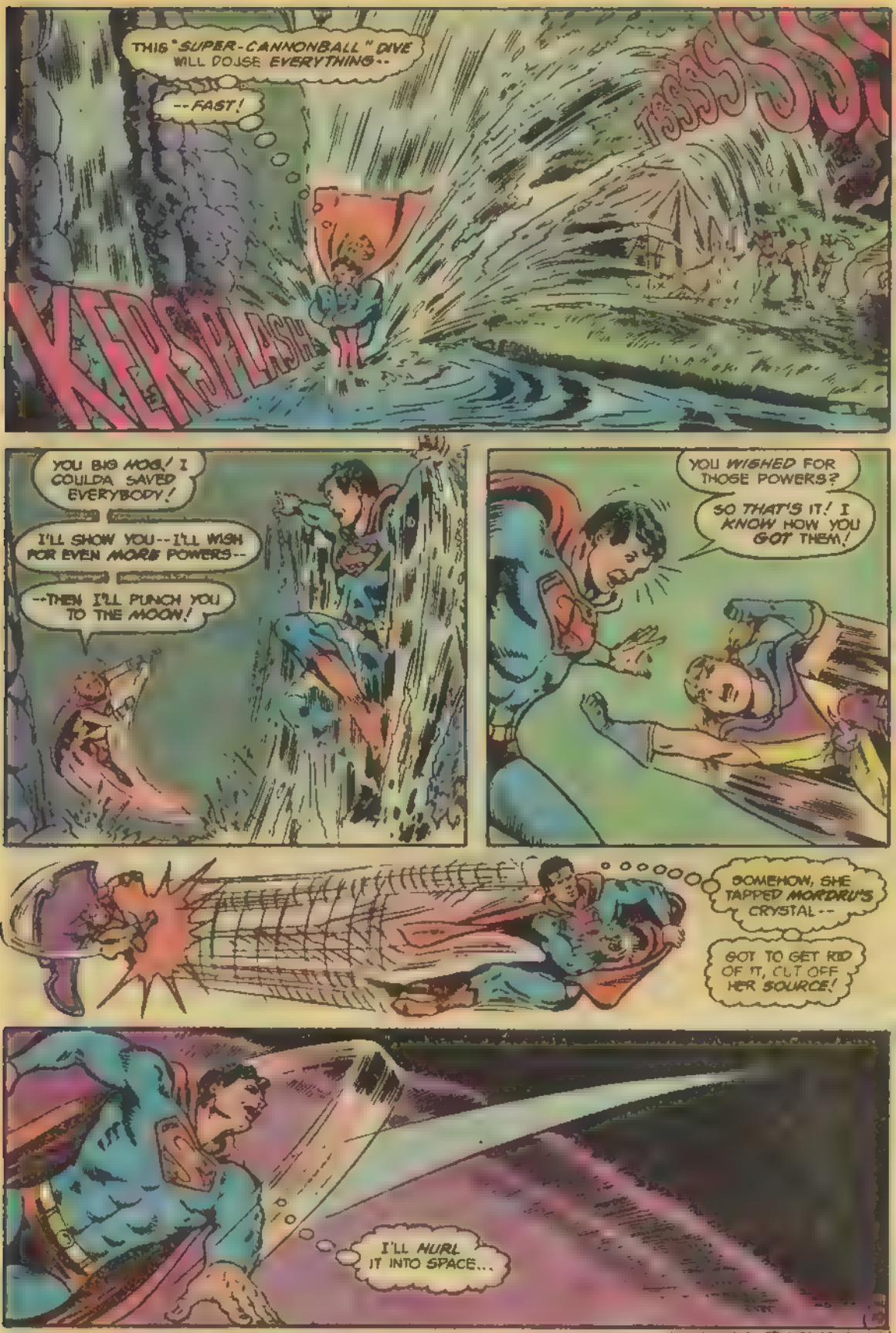
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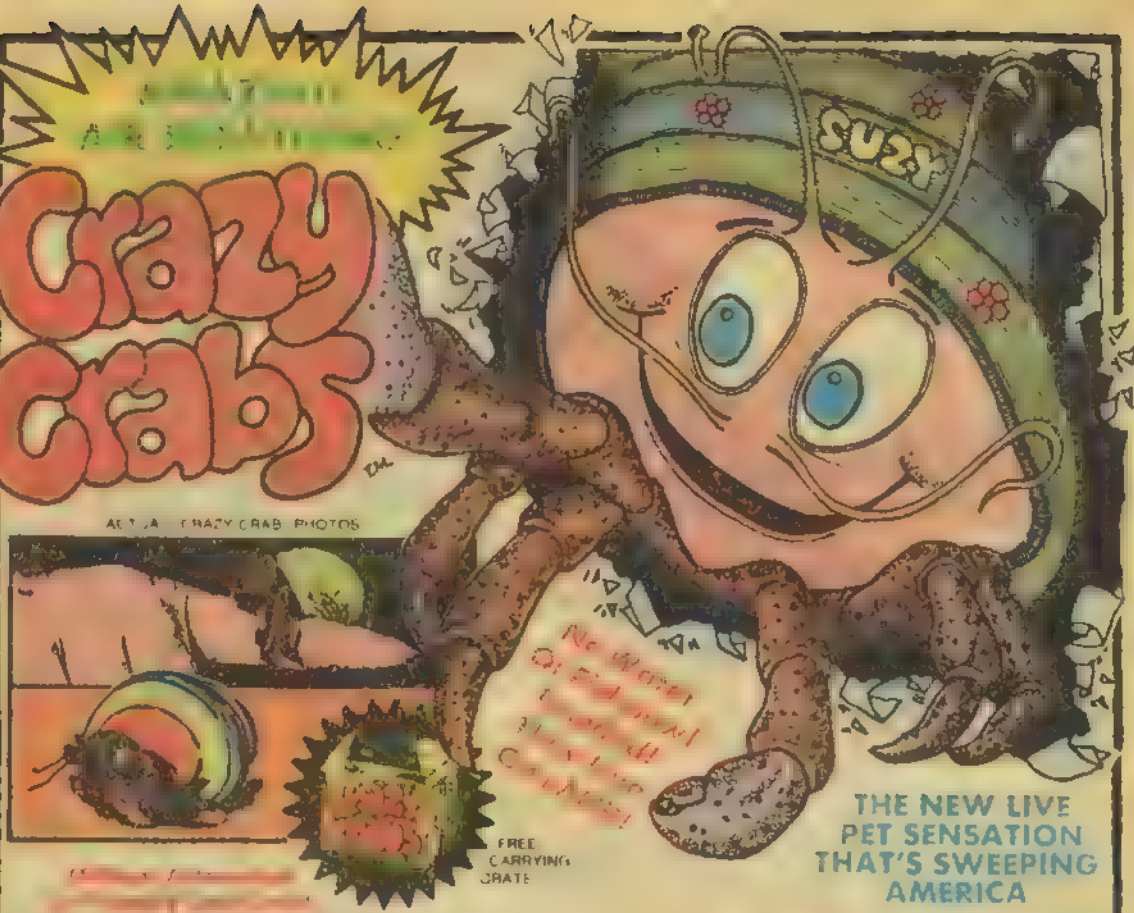

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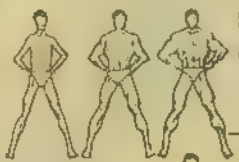

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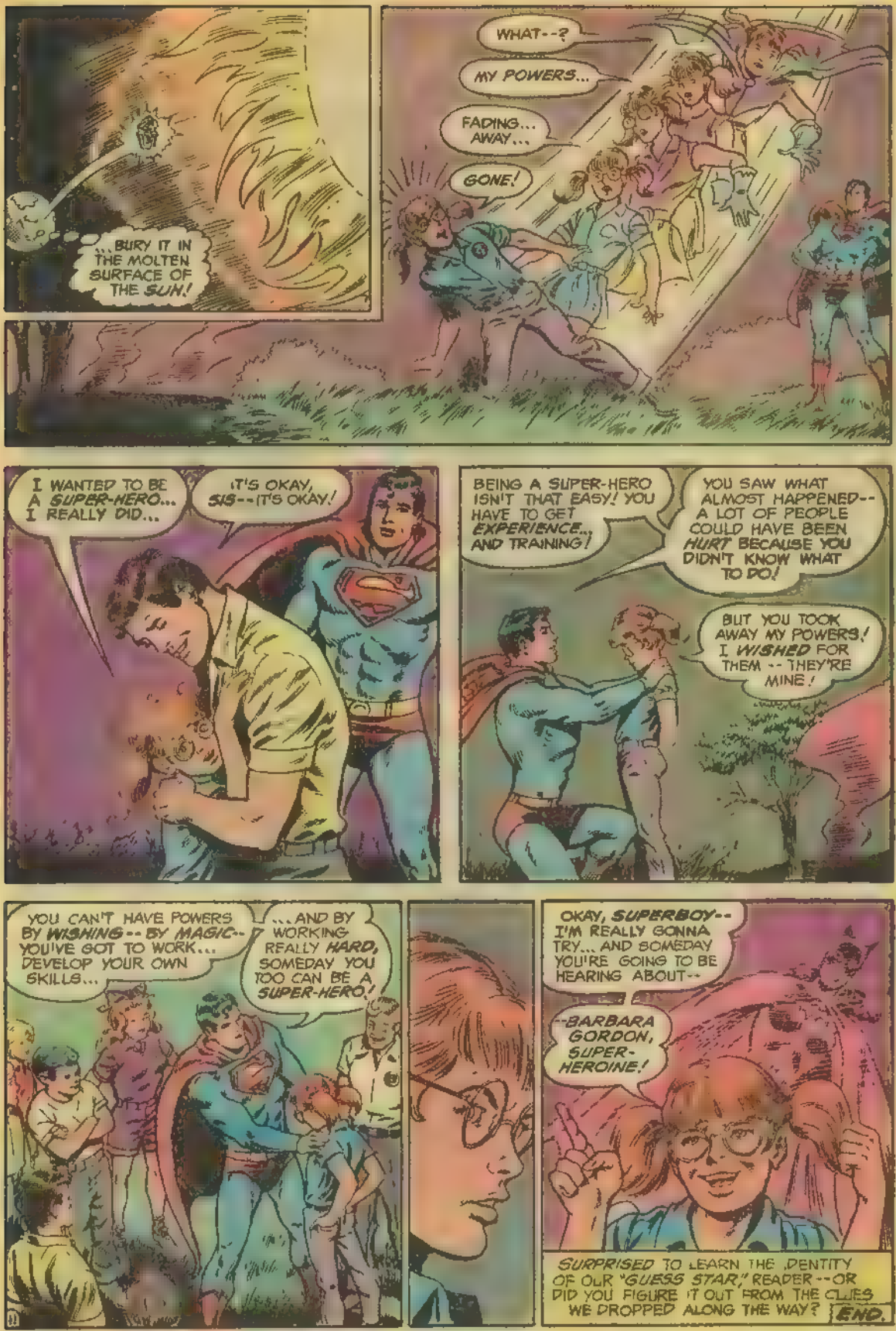
...BURY IT IN THE MOLTEN SURFACE OF THE SUN!
WHAT--?
MY POWERS...
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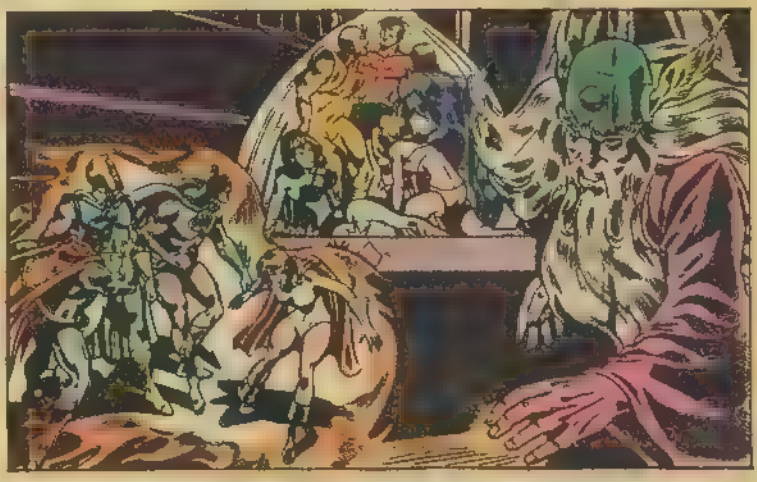
JLA, JSA & LEGION BATTLE MORDRU

CRISIS IN 30th CENTURY BRINGS HEROES TOGETHER

(Earth-One, 30th Century)—*Mordru*, the magical master of the future has attacked the *Legion of Super-Heroes* again, and this time he's summoned forth the trio of deadly demons last called upon by *Felix Faust* (way back in *JUSTICE LEAGUE #10*)! Thus, who could be more fitting to join the *Legion* in their awesome battle but the members of the *Justice League*, aided and abetted by their friends from the *Justice Society*.

So into action to solve the "Crisis in the 30th Century" go *Superman*, *Batman*, *Green Lantern*, *Green Arrow*, and *Black Canary* of the *JLA*, *Dr. Fate*, *Power Girl*, *Flash*, *Hawkman* and *Green Lantern* of the *JSA*, and *Wildfire*, *Brainiac 5*, *Princess Projectra*, and *Sun Boy* of the *Legion*—and you can get in on all the action by picking up *JUSTICE LEAGUE #147* when it goes on sale the week of July 4th!



ASK THE ANSWER MAN

Q: On the cover of *GREEN LANTERN* you have the words "The Award-Winning Comic". What award did it win?—Dale Yven

A: It won ACBA Shazam awards for writer Denny O'Neil, artists Neal Adams and Dick Giordano, best story and best magazine back in 1970 and 1971.

Q: Are *Batgirl* and *Robin* really married—and when did they find out each other's identities?—John Jordaens.

A: No, they faked the wedding to smoke out the head of *MAZE* . . . and they discovered who was who back in *BATMAN FAMILY #3*.

Q: What is the difference between Managing Editor, Editor and Story Editor at *DC*—Jan Goldberg.

A: Joe Orlando, our Managing Editor, rides herd over all of our magazines, approving stories, art and covers for each title. There is no difference between Editors and Story Editors—in fact, they now all have the same title—and their job is to plot the stories and edit the scripts for publication.

Got a question for the Answer Man? Send it to Bob Rozakis, DC Comics, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 10019.

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ISIS #7—*Isis* resumes her Andrea Thomas identity in "Darkly Through the Mutant's Eye" by Jack Harris, Mike Vosburg and Vince Colletta.

JONAH HEX #5—Revealed at last—"The Origin of Jonah Hex" by Michael Fleisher an as-yet-unchosen artist.

KAMANDI #53—*Kamandi* and *Spirit* encounter intelligent caterpillars in "The Eternity Trap" by Jack Harris, Dick Ayers and Alfredo Alcala.

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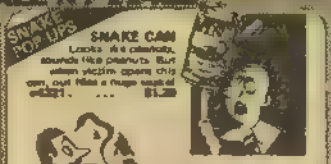

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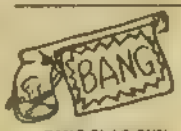

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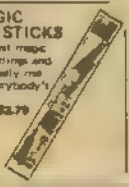

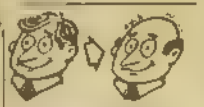

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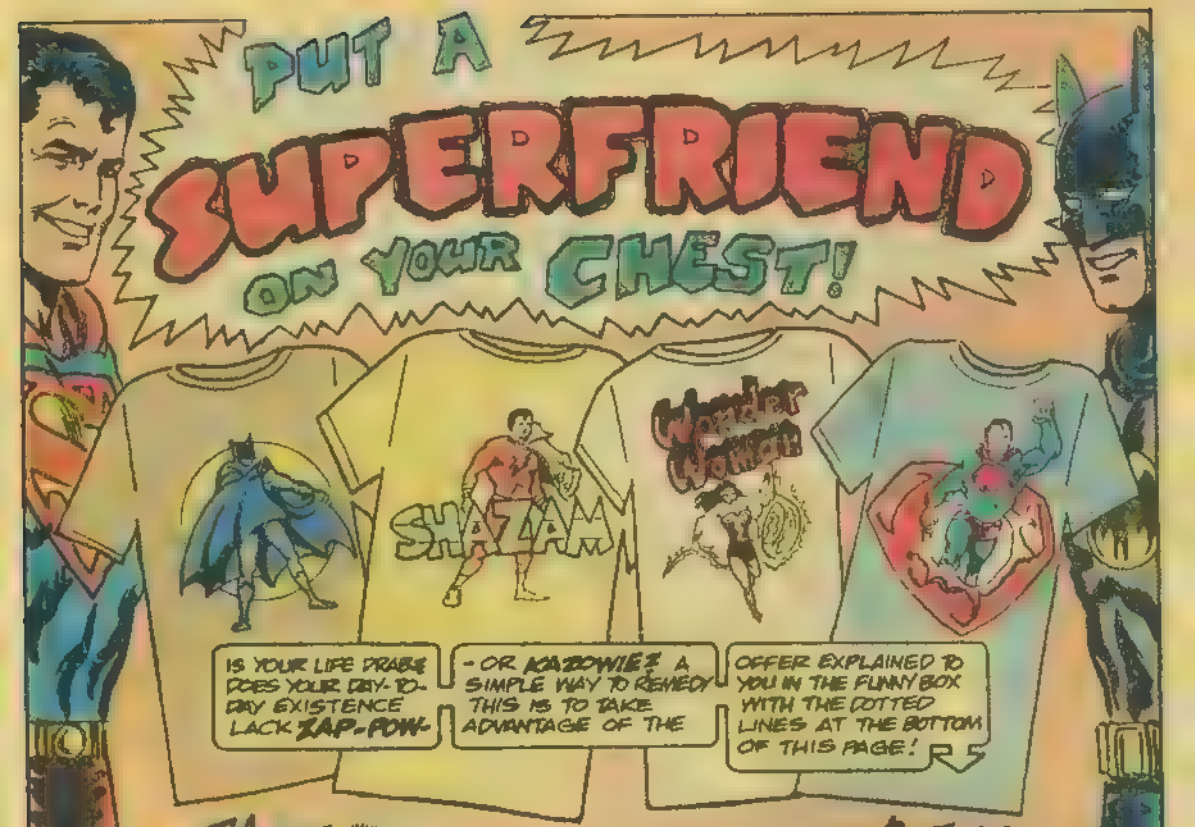

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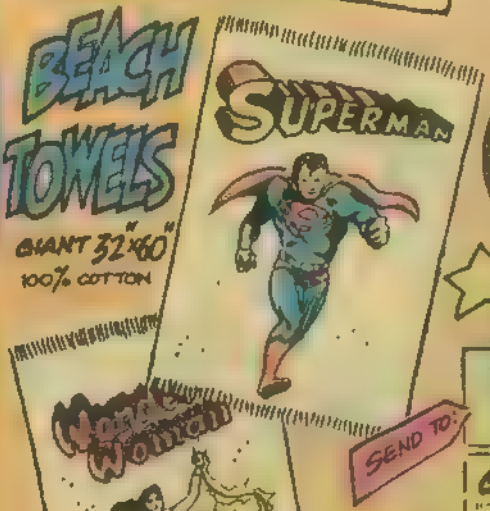

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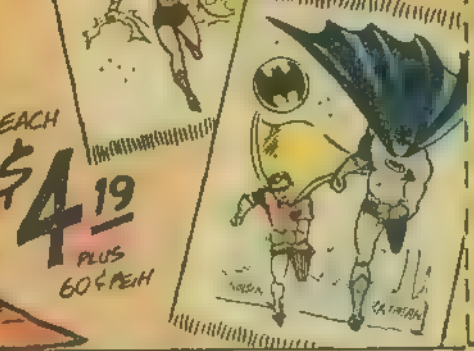

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THIS BUILDING IS CLOSED WHILE THE COUNCIL IS IN SESSION!
GET--
--OUT OF MY WAY!
WAIT A SEC--UGH!
OOOFFF!
BAM!
SWISH
FOR AS LONG AS HE CAN RECALL, HE HAS BEEN THE SEA KING'S JUNIOR PARTNER. HE HAS NO TRUE NAME -- NO HERITAGE. HE IS
AQUALAD
SETT.. THORAN! I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
NOW!
WHA...!?
. AND HE WANTS INFORMATION!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS INTRUSION, AQUALAD?
AQUALAD--Who is Thy FATHER?
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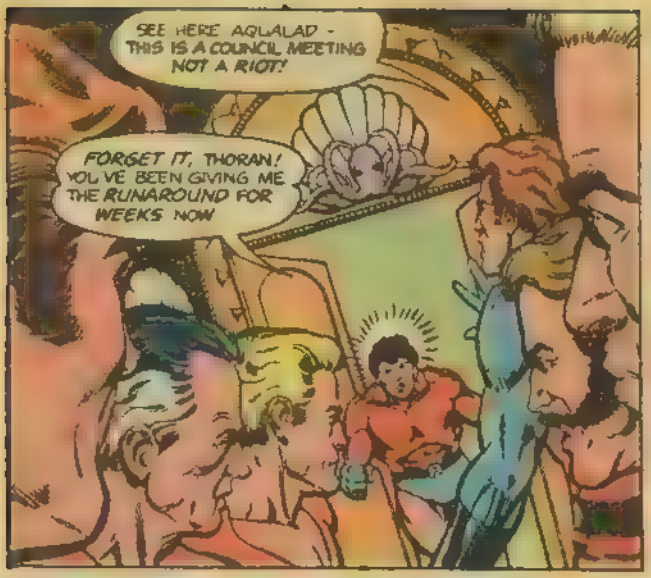
SEE HERE AQUALAD - THIS IS A COUNCIL MEETING NOT A RIOT!
FORGET IT, THORAN! YOU'VE BEEN GIVING ME THE RUNAROUND FOR WEEKS NOW

AND I'M TIRED OF IT!
NOW ARE WE GOING TO TALK?
PL-PLEASE, AQUALAD THERE IS NO NEED FOR VIOLENCE!

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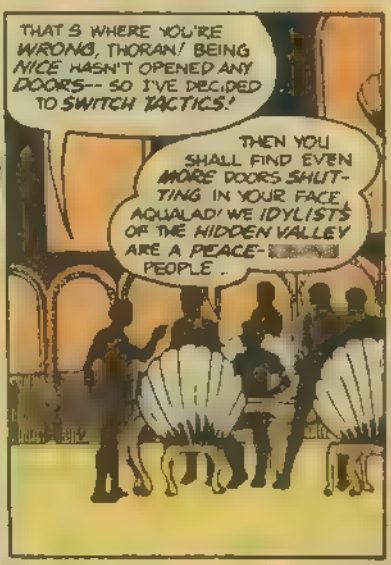
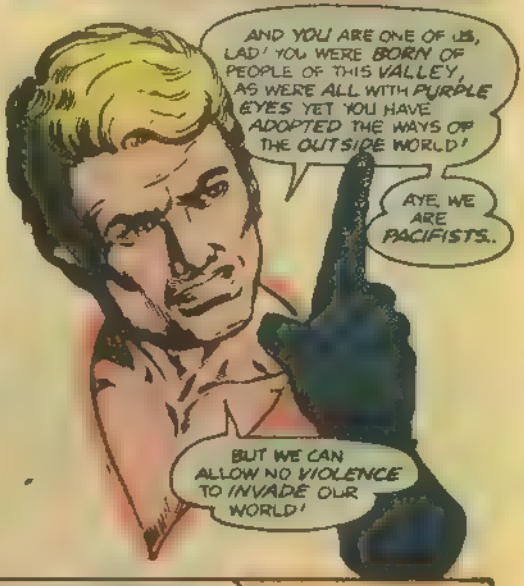
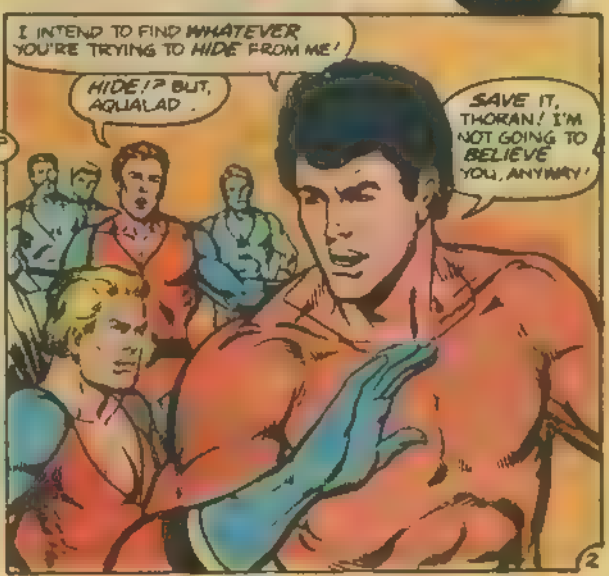
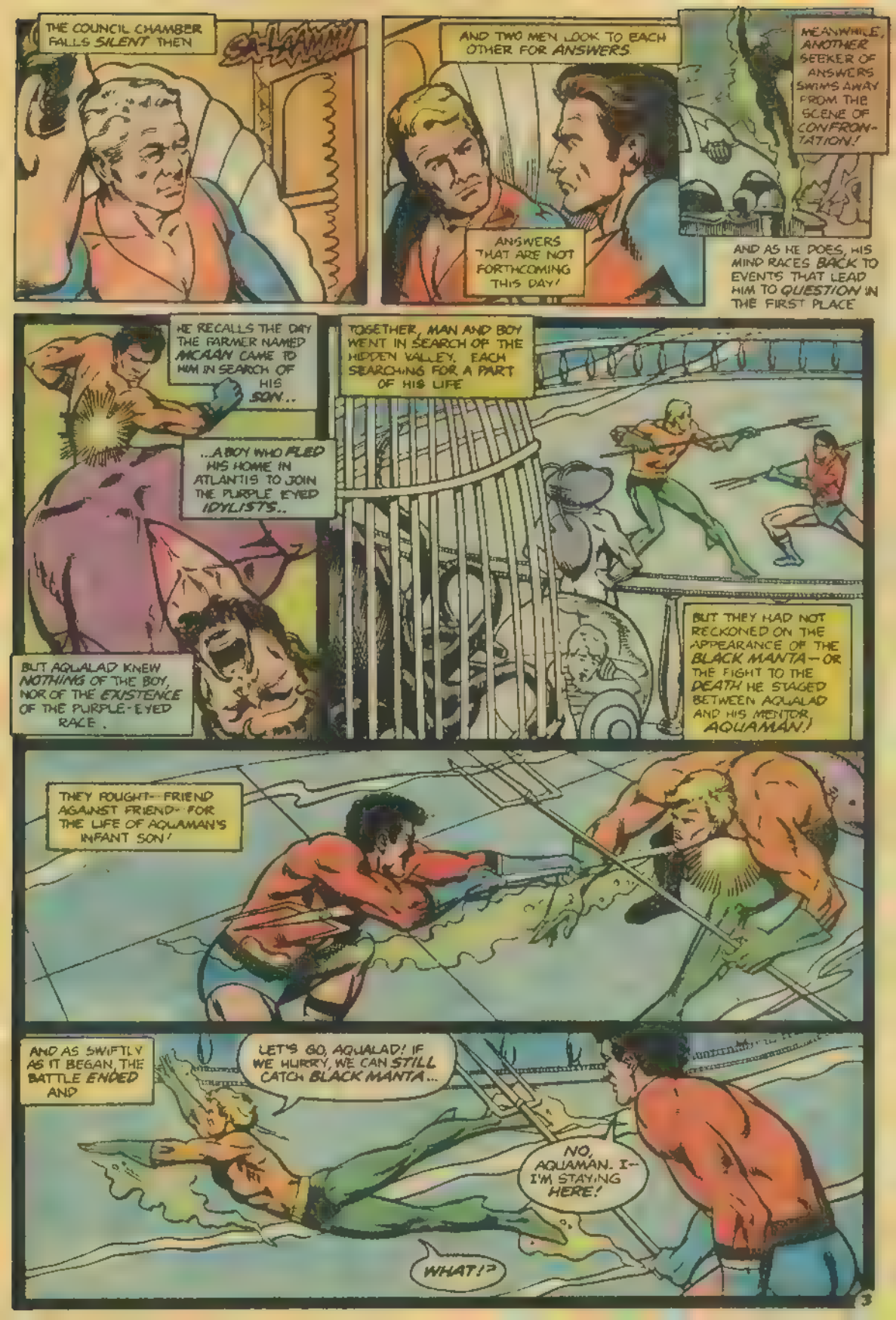

THAT'S WHERE YOU'RE WRONG, THORAN! BEING NICE HASN'T OPENED ANY DOORS-- SO I'VE DECIDED TO SWITCH TACTICS!
THEN YOU SHALL FIND EVEN MORE DOORS SHUTTING IN YOUR FACE, AQUALAD! WE IDYLISTS OF THE HIDDEN VALLEY ARE A PEACE-[redacted] PEOPLE.


AND YOU ARE ONE OF US, LAD! YOU WERE BORN OF PEOPLE OF THIS VALLEY, AS WERE ALL WITH PURPLE EYES YET YOU HAVE ADOPTED THE WAYS OF THE OUTSIDE WORLD!
AYE, WE ARE PACIFISTS.
BUT WE CAN ALLOW NO VIOLENCE TO INVADE OUR WORLD!

THAT'S JUST FINE WITH ME, PAL! I'M NOT LOOKING FOR A FIGHT. JUST MY HERITAGE!
BUT?


I INTEND TO FIND WHATEVER YOU'RE TRYING TO HIDE FROM ME!
HIDE!? BUT, AQUALAD.
SAVE IT, THORAN! I'M NOT GOING TO BELIEVE YOU, ANYWAY!


THE COUNCIL CHAMBER FALLS SILENT THEN
SA-LAAMA!
AND TWO MEN LOOK TO EACH OTHER FOR ANSWERS
ANSWERS THAT ARE NOT FORTHCOMING THIS DAY!
MEANWHILE, ANOTHER SEEKER OF ANSWERS SWIMS AWAY FROM THE SCENE OF CONFRONTATION!
AND AS HE DOES, HIS MIND RACES BACK TO EVENTS THAT LEAD HIM TO QUESTION IN THE FIRST PLACE
HE RECALLS THE DAY THE FARMER NAMED MCAAN CAME TO HIM IN SEARCH OF HIS SON..
...A BOY WHO FLED HIS HOME IN ATLANTIS TO JOIN THE PURPLE EYED IDYLISTS..
BUT AQUALAD KNEW NOTHING OF THE BOY, NOR OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE PURPLE-EYED RACE.
TOGETHER, MAN AND BOY WENT IN SEARCH OF THE HIDDEN VALLEY, EACH SEARCHING FOR A PART OF HIS LIFE
BUT THEY HAD NOT RECKONED ON THE APPEARANCE OF THE BLACK MANTA — OR THE FIGHT TO THE DEATH HE STAGED BETWEEN AQUALAD AND HIS MENTOR, AQUAMAN!
THEY FOUGHT — FRIEND AGAINST FRIEND — FOR THE LIFE OF AQUAMAN'S INFANT SON!
AND AS SWIFTLY AS IT BEGAN, THE BATTLE ENDED AND
LET'S GO, AQUALAD! IF WE HURRY, WE CAN STILL CATCH BLACK MANTA...
NO, AQUAMAN. I— I'M STAYING HERE!
WHAT!?
3

THINGS HAVE CHANGED BETWEEN US, AQUAMAN. YOU TRIED TO KILL ME BACK THERE—AND THOUGH I KNOW YOU DID IT TO SAVE YOUR SON...
OKAY, AQUALAD! IF THIS'S THE WAY YOU CHOOSE TO REPAY ME FOR TAKING YOU UNDER MY WING FOR ALL THESE YEARS—FINE!
ALL THESE EVENTS TOOK PLACE LAST ISSUE!—PAUL
HE HAD SEVERED HIS TIES WITH THE ONLY FAMILY HE HAS EVER KNOWN
AND HE PRAYED HE COULD FIND HIS TRUE FAMILY AT LAST
WHERE CAN THEY BE? WHY WON'T ANYONE TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE?
IT'S NOT AS IF I'M ASKING FOR THE IMPOSSIBLE.
..JUST A CHANCE TO FIND MY.. PARENTS.../
THERE IS NO TRUE NIGHT UNDER SEA, JUST A PERPETUAL HAZE OF DARKNESS. THERE ARE HOWEVER, TIMES WHEN MOST OCEAN-DWELLERS SLEEP.
MOST--BUT NOT ALL
I HATE TO RESORT TO ILLEGAL MEANS, BUT IT'S THE ONLY WAY!
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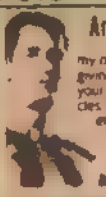
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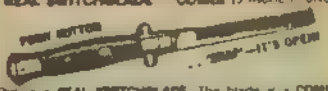

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BUT ONCE I FIND WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR, I CAN GET OUT OF HERE!
THE PUBLIC HALL OF RECORDS DOESN'T HAVE WHAT I WANT SO I GUESS WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR IS HERE IN THE COUNCIL'S PRIVATE RECORDS!
LORD! I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHERE TO START..
WHY NOT START WITH .
..US!
SETT! BU-BUT WHAT RE YOU ALL DOING HERE?
I MIGHT VERY WELL ASK YOU THE SAME QUESTION, AQUALAD!
NOBODY SEEMS TO BE ABLE TO GIVE ME ANY ANSWERS SO..
SO YOU DECIDED TO FIND THEM FOR YOURSELF!
WE HAVE TOLD YOU! WE DON'T KNOW WHO YOUR PARENTS ARE! NOW PLEASE LEAVE -- THIS ROOM IS OFF LIMITS!

YEAH, YOU TOLD ME! BUT I DON'T BUY IT, FRIEND! THIS VALLEY ISN'T SO BIG THAT PEOPLE CAN LOSE THEMSELVES...EVEN IF THEY WANTED TO!
SO WHY DON'T YOU AND YOUR PLAYMATES GET OUT OF MY WAY
NO, AQUALAD! THOUGH WE WILL NOT RAISE OUR HANDS AGAINST YOU, YOU WILL HAVE TO GO THROUGH US TO GET TO THE RECORDS!
BLAST! I CAN'T JUST GO AROUND BEATING UP A GROUP OF MEN--
ALL RIGHT, SETT! YOU WIN FOR NOW BUT I'LL BE BACK!
THINK, AQUALAD! WHAT REASON WOULD WE HAVE FOR DECEIVING YOU?
BEATS ME, SETT BUT WHATEVER YOUR REASONS ARE.., I'M GOING TO FIND OUT!
AND GOD HELP YOU WHEN I DO!
WERE YOU ABLE TO CONVINCE HIM, SETT?
NO, MY FRIEND! HE STILL BELIEVES WE ARE KEEPING THE TRUTH FROM HIM I FEAR HE IS A DETERMINED YOUNG MAN
BUT DETERMINED OR NOT AQUALAD MUST NEVER FIND OUT THE TRUTH ABOUT HIS PARENTS.
AYE FOR ON THE DAY HE DOES, THE HIDDEN VALLEY IS DOOMED!
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NEXT: THE ANSWER!
ON SALE THE LAST WEEK IN AUGUST
THE END

DATELINE: ADVENTURE

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Beginning this issue, the Boy of Steel will be our headline attraction. As with *Aquaman*, we'll be running three eleven-pagers, then a book-length epic, and then we'll repeat the cycle until infinity. The Sea King has made the move to his own mag in the meantime, although we trust his devoted fans are still with us—following *Aqualad's* quest for his ancestry. Since you haven't had a chance to comment on our new look yet, let's turn to some letters on the magazine that inspired our change: *DC SUPER-STARS* #12, starring *Superboy*.

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Dear Staff,

I haven't gotten a chance to read the reprint in DC **SUPER-STARS** #12 yet, but I know it will keep until I can get my thoughts on paper. Naturally, I want to compliment you on bringing back two of my old favorites—**Superboy** and Murphy Anderson. And Mr. Bates' script was perfect, and Mr. Swan's art was superb. These alone are good enough reasons for the revival of **Superboy**, but there is a still better one . . . one that "Don't Call Me Superboy" illustrated beautifully.

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Give us **Superboy**.

Georjean Fraina
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You comments sum up one of our most important feelings about the *Superboy* series, Georjean, and that's the emphasis on youth and youth's peculiar problems. The earliest *Superboy* tales in the forties featured an eight or nine-year-old hero—a boy in every sense of the word. His problems were on a boyish scale, and always featured other children.

Somewhere down the line that concept was lost, and *Superboy* became a slightly shorter *Superman* . . . and that's when the series started having sales problems. Using 20-20 hindsight, we spot that as losing sight of the concept of the character, and we're trying to rectify that mistake in our present series. The hero is a bit older, but still young enough to be more than just a miniature Man of Steel—or so we hope. It'll be up to you readers to decide if we succeed in that aim over the next few months. Let us know.

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Dear Editor,

Needless to say, you're going to get a lot of praise on how great "Don't Call Me Superboy" was, how fantastic the Swan/Anderson art was, and all sorts of commendations for a good story. And we agree with all of them.

However, there is an issue raised here which is disturbing, and it arises with your explanation of the identity of Misty. Perhaps she will remember nothing when returned to her hometown, but she still has undergone manipulation without her consent from outside sources for two weeks. It seems rather disurbing that the robot teacher who controls the future of **Superboy** (in that he will decide whether his pupil is fit to use his powers) would kidnap and control a human being for two weeks just for a test.

It seems that while **Superboy** passes his tests and is guilty of no moral misjudgements, his so-called teacher fails miserably in his duty. His main mission (to educate **Superboy** in the proper use of his powers) was a success, but the means used implied that the teacher assumed he was above the law, and not even **Superboy** would be so arrogant as to ever consider himself in such a position. Because of these manipulations, plus the danger the citizens of Smallville were exposed to during the tests, the validity of the teacher's right to judge **Superboy** should be questioned.

Perhaps **Superboy**, after recovering from the emotional shock, will realize what has occured and a final lesson can be learned.

We can say something nice, though. One criterion of a really good story is how thought-provoking it can be. In this you certainly succeeded. That alone made the whole issue worthwhile.

Robert Heying and Raymond Magyar
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There's at least one more question that the story brings to our mind, gentlemen, and that's what kind of a world Krypton was, to have a society that could envision using a robot to teach moral values—a peculiarly human concept.

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On that note we close this column, awaiting your letters on this issue's tales. Please address them to: DATELINE: ADVENTURE, DC Comics, 75 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York 10019; and we'll see you next issue.

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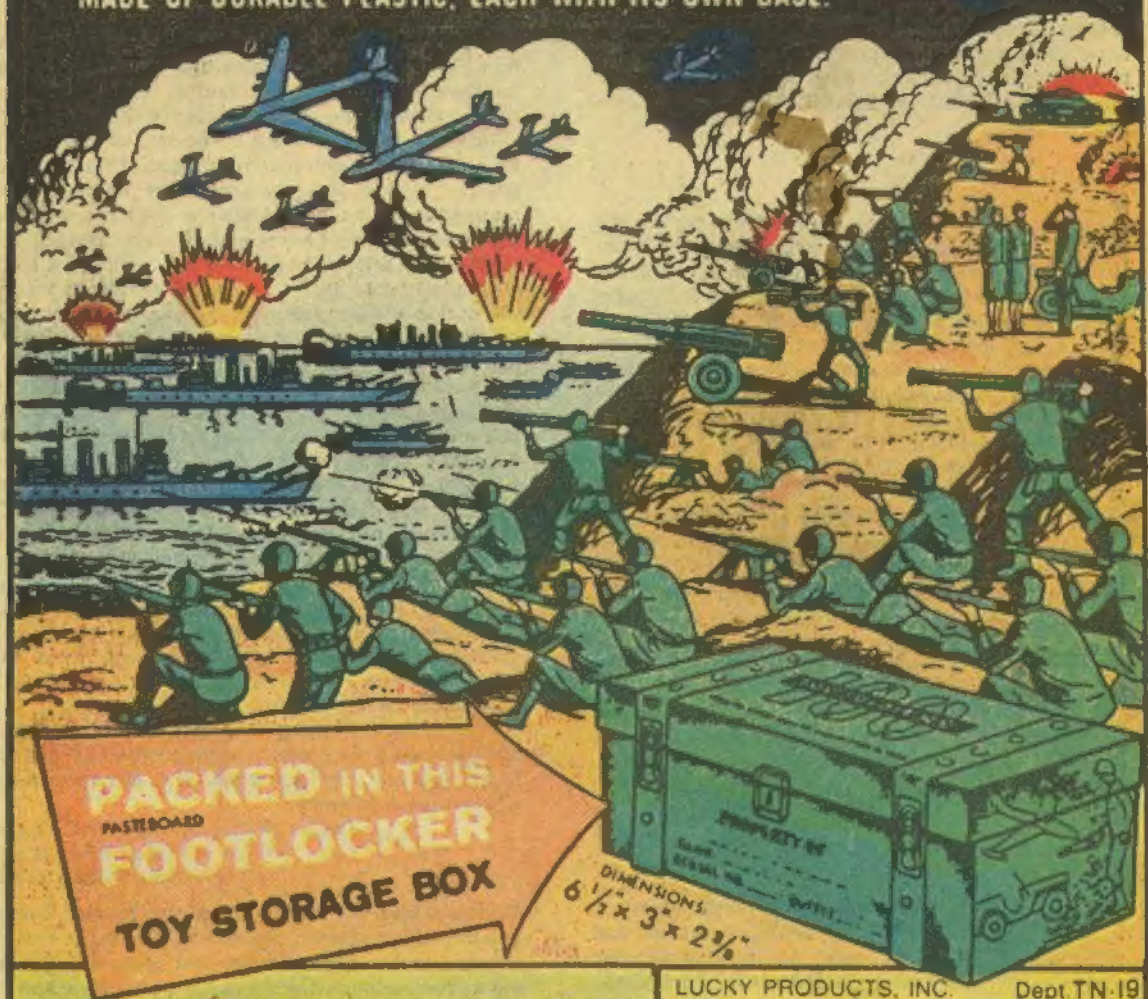

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